

choose vice from one place to another. It is greatly to the credit of our editor that he has not turned a somersault of applause over recent events as some religious people and assemblies have been doing.

The Christian warfare is a spiritual warfare dealing directly with the individual only, and reflectively thru regenerated souls upon society or communities. This is God's order. To reverse this is simply to fail in God's purpose.

The Home

Patience

To weary hearts, to mourning homes,
God's meekest angel gently comes;
No power has he to banish pain,
Or give us back our lost again;
And yet in tenderest love, our dear
And Heavenly Father sends him here.

There's quiet in that angel's glance,
There's rest in his still countenance!
He mocks no grief with idle cheer,
Nor wounds with words the mourner's ear;
But ills and woes he may not cure
He kindly trains us to endure.

Angel of patience! sent to calm
Our feverish brows with cooling palm;
To lay the storms of hope and fear,
And reconcile life's smile and tear;
The throbs of wounded pride to still,
And make our own our Father's will!

O thou who mournest on thy way,
With longing for the close of day;
He walks with thee, that angel kind,
And gently whispers, "Be resigned;
Bear up, bear on, the end shall tell
The dear Lord ordereth all things well!"
—Whittier.

Ministers' Children

Dr. Haven.

The salaries of the clergy of the United States do not average \$500 dollars a year, and yet as a class they are the best educated, most active, refined, and elevated of the nation. With less culture, with less character, with less mental power, there are men all over this land who earn from \$1,000 to \$5,000 a year. But look at the results. Taking them as they come, the biographies of a hundred clergymen who have families show that of their sons, 110 became ministers; and of the remainder of their sons, by far the largest part rose to eminence as professional men, merchants and scholars. As to their daughters, their names are merged into others; but there is a significant fact, which we do not remember to have seen noticed in that connection, that not only here, but in England where titles are so highly prized, and the possession of gentle blood is a passport to high places, it is very often referred to as a matter of note, as indicating safety and respectability, "his mother was the daughter of a clergyman." We will venture the opinion that three fourths of the great men of this nation are not over two degrees removed from clergymen's families, or from families strictly religious. When it can be said of a man or woman that his father or grandfather was a clergyman, there is a feeling within us

of a certain elevation of character—a kind of guaranty of respectability of blood, of purity, and integrity.

Home-Cure Treatment for Worry

W. G. Jordan in "The Kingship of Self-Control."

To cure worry, the individual must be his own physician; he must give the case heroic treatment. He must realize, with every fibre of his being, the utter, absolute uselessness of worry. He must not think this is commonplace—a bit of mere theory; it is a reality that he must translate for himself from mere words to a real, living fact. He must fully understand that if it were possible for him to spend a whole series of eternities in worry, it would not change the fact one jot or tittle. It is a time for action, not worry, because worry paralyzes thought, and action too. If you set down a column of figures in addition, no amount of worry can change the sum total of those figures. That result is wrapped up in the inevitability of mathematics. The result can be made different only by changing the figures as they are set down, one by one, in that column.

The one time that a man can afford to worry is when he does wrong. Then he is facing, or imagines he is, a critical turn in affairs. This is the time when he needs one hundred per cent. of his mental energy to make his plans quickly, to see what is his wisest decision, to keep a clear eye on the sky and on his course, and a firm hand on the helm until he has weathered the storm in safety.

There are two reasons why man should not worry, either one of which must operate in every instance. First, because he cannot prevent the results he fears. Second, because he can prevent them. If he be powerless to avert the blow, he needs perfect mental concentration to meet it bravely, to lighten its force, to get what salvage he can from the wreck, to sustain his strength at this time when he must plan a new future. If he can prevent the evil he fears, then he has no need to worry, for he would by so doing, be dissipating energy in his very hour of need.

If man do, day by day, ever the best he can by the light he has, has no need to fear, no need to regret, no need to worry. No agony of worry would do aught to help him. Neither mortal nor angel can do more than his best.

Love's Burdens Light

In His Steps.

The Rev. Dr. Guthrie was passing up a street in Edinburgh one day, and saw a little girl carrying a very heavy baby. With his usual kindness of heart the doctor said: "Lassie, surely that child is too heavy for you." With an accent of surprise the girl replied: "No, sir; he is my brother." She could not understand how her brother could, by any means, be too heavy a burden. If this girl carries her heavy baby brother so willingly, how much more will the Lord Jesus bear our burdens if we will let Him.

"I Gave Them Myself"

Life of Faith.

Said a mother to me one day: "When my children were young I thought the very best thing I could do for them was to give them myself. So I spared no pains to talk with them, to read to them, to teach them, to pray with them, to be a loving companion and friend to my children. I had to neglect my house often. I had no time to indulge myself in many things which I should have liked to do. I was so busy adorning their minds and cultivating their hearts' best affections that I could not adorn their bodies in fine clothes, though I kept them neat and comfortable at all times.

"I have my reward now. My sons are ministers of the Gospel; my grown up daughter a Christian woman. I have plenty of time now to sit down and and rest, plenty of time to keep my house in order, plenty of time to indulge myself, besides going about my Master's business wherever He has need of me. I have a thousand beautiful memories of their childhood to comfort me. Now that they have gone out into the world I have the sweet consciousness of having done all I could to make them ready for whatever work God calls them to do."

Sisters' S. C. E.

How May Each Member of the S. S. C. E. Assist the Officers in Preforming their Several Duties

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David said, "Thy word is a lamp unto my feet, and a light unto my path." And so we find that His word is the same to us in this age in which we live. We need not grope our way in darkness. We only need to search the scriptures and we will not only know how we may assist the officers of our beloved S. S. C. E., but we may be guided in all that Christ would have us do.

In I Cor. 3:9 we read, "For we are laborers together with God." Now that we see our work is mutual with God and with one another we should lay aside every selfish motive, and all work together as Lord directs.

I Thess. 5:12, 13, we are told to know them that labor among us and are over us in the Lord and admonish us, and to esteem them very highly in love, for their works sake. Here we have an unmistakable rule by which we may assist our officers. They are over us in the Lord, and if we esteem them very highly in love for their work's sake we will ever be willing and ready to do what they wish us to do. We will be careful how we use that abbreviated sentence, "I can't," for in the majority of cases it only means an unwilling mind. Paul said, "I can do all things thru Christ which strengtheneth me." While we may not be able to do all things as Paul did, yet we could do much more than we do if we would only learn to trust more for strength.

Another unfounded excuse is, "I haven't time to do this or that in the S. S. C. E.,